

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING  
17373 PERKINS ROAD  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70810**

**MINUTES OF THE HEARING PANEL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022**

**Call to Order:** The Hearing Panel of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by T. Kindall, President and Presiding Officer, on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

**Roll Call:** The following Board members were in attendance:  
Tavell Kindall, PhD, DNP, APRN, FNP, President and Presiding Officer  
Jennifer Couvillon, PhD, RN-BC, CNE  
Ann Carruth, DNS, RN  
Wendi Palermo, PhD, RN  
Mimi Primeaux, MS, BSN, CRNA  
Teresita McNabb, RN, MHA

The following staff members were in attendance:  
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, MBA, APRN-CNS, NEA, Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer  
Wanda Matthews, MPA, BBA, Chief Compliance Officer  
Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, MBA, Chief Legal Officer/General Counsel  
Monique Calmes, DNP, APRN, FNP<sub>C</sub>, Licensure and Practice Director  
William J. Wilson, JD, Hearing Officer  
Lauren Papillion, JD, Prosecuting Attorney  
Lenora Thomas, Compliance Investigator  
Nichole R. Battle, Compliance Investigator Team Leader  
Tarneisha Scott, BA, CAA, Executive Assistant to CEO

Dr. Lyon stated there were no changes to the Agenda.

**Motion:** by W. Palermo, seconded, to approve the Agenda as presented.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

**Motion:** by T. McNabb, seconded, to authorize one panel member to approve the minutes of today's Hearing Panel. T. McNabb will review and approve.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

**Motion:** by W. Palermo, seconded, to go into Executive Session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(1) for the purpose of hearing those disciplinary matters and/or reviewing those consent orders, automatic suspensions and other disciplinary actions in the cases listed on the Agenda.

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes; W. Palermo-yes; M. Primeaux-yes; T. McNabb-yes  
Motion Carried

**Andrea Schroeder**

Endorsement Denial: 04/12/2022  
Request for Reconsideration: 04/20/2022

Ms. Schroeder, along with her counsel, Mr. David Aden, participated in the meeting virtually.

Ms. Lauren Papillion served as the prosecuting attorney for the Board.

Mr. Aden presented the Request for Reconsideration on behalf of Ms. Schroeder for her endorsement denial. One exhibit was entered into evidence labeled Petitioner 1.

Five (5) exhibits were entered into evidence labeled as Board 1 through 5.

Ms. Papillion submitted Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**Mark Damian Declouet**

Complaint Received: 02/08/2022  
Summary Suspension: 03/21/2022  
Charges Filed: 03/21/2022

Mr. Declouet, along with his counsel, Ms. Micholle Mordock, participated in hearing virtually.

Ms. Lauren Papillion served as the prosecuting attorney.

Ms. Mordock requested that the hearing and investigation of Mr. Declouet be tabled indefinitely, to have his Summary Suspension stand indefinitely while his criminal charges are pending, and for the hearing to be rescheduled to a future date.

Ms. Papillion stated she was prepared to go forward with the hearing before the Board.

The parties discussed stipulations on the record for the Board to consider in lieu of a full evidentiary hearing.

(The Board entered into deliberation at this time off the Record.)

**CONSENT ORDERS**

The following Consent Orders went on record as presented:

**Nurse Practice Act:**

**Veronica Ann Armant-Griffin  
Sharon Denise Beathley  
Nicole Haas Bertone  
Mark Evan Blanchard  
Cindy Ferbos Carr  
Sharon Margaret Chauvin  
Whitney Bourdreaux Diblin  
Candace Caubarreaux Dowden  
Pennie Melissa Favalora  
Angela King Jones  
Haley Little LeBlanc  
Lena Maria Mason  
Renee Wales Morgan  
Noel Rita-Christine Robinson  
Jennifer Cousans Sibley  
Lauren Marie Underwood  
Melissa Fontenot Vallet  
David Anthony Ziccardi**

**Reintatement of Licensure:**

**Willie Amacker Baker  
Marie A. Broussard  
Lindsay Kelleher Cornelius  
Kelly Elliot Davis  
Benjamin Blaire Gautreaux  
Virginia Tippin Joyner  
Reed Joseph Loupe  
Katlyn Rae McCarver**

**Students:**

**Jenna Marie Baker  
Richard Anthony Johnson  
Megan Denise Manuel  
Kimberly Thomas Phillips  
Ashley Ethel Smith**

**REPORT OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS**

The following Automatic Suspensions by staff were presented to the Board for ratification:

**Jeremy Heath Allen  
Allison Orgeron Comeaux  
Andria Elaine Harmon  
Scott Joseph Hotard  
Taylor Danielle Jones  
Mark Steven Leath  
Melissa Maree Smith**

**RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF ACTION:**

The following delay/denials by staff were presented to the Board for ratification:

**Emilee Lansing Brown  
Jodi Lea Evans  
Charles Albert Haulard  
Lakisha Hicks  
Tamia Ashley Hightower  
Danielle Broadway Kelley  
Hurshiel Douglas Stegall  
Adrienne Nicole Thomas  
Tiffany Trujillo Tinsley  
Latashala Shantrelle Turner**

**Motion:** by W. Palermo, seconded, to return to Open Session.

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes; W. Palermo-yes;  
M. Primeaux-yes; T. McNabb-yes

Motion Carried

**Mark Damian Declouet**

**Motion:** by W. Palermo, second, that the Board accept the following Findings of Fact:

**A. JURISDICTION**

1. On March 7, 2007, Respondent was licensed by examination to practice as a Registered Nurse in Louisiana.
2. On February 6, 2015, Respondent was licensed by endorsement to practice as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse in Louisiana.

**B. LEGAL FILINGS AND NOTICES**

3. On March 9, 2022, Informal Notice Pursuant to La. R.S. 49:961 was mailed to Respondent's address of record by certified mail, return receipt requested.
4. On March 21, 2022, Respondent's Registered Nurse, and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licenses were summarily suspended, and Complaint was filed. Summary Suspension, Complaint, and Notice of Administrative Hearing were mailed to Respondent's address of record by overnight courier, by regular mail, and by certified mail, return receipt requested; return receipt was signed by an agent and dated March 23, 2022.

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes; W. Palermo-yes; M. Primeaux-yes; T. McNabb-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by W. Palermo, seconded, that the Board adopt the following Board Order as presented.

In an open meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, on May 18, 2022, the following Order was entered into:

Per stipulation, the Respondent agreed to the continuation of the March 21, 2022, license summary suspensions issued by Board staff. The suspension shall continue until either party petitions the Board to reset the matter for hearing.

1. Refrain from working in any capacity as a Registered Nurse or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. Failure to do so shall cause further disciplinary action and/or criminal charges.
2. Immediately (within 72 hours) inform the Board in writing of any change in address.
3. Submit payment of \$850.00 to the Board as cost of hearing.

**Reporting: This will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) as 1150: Interim Action - Voluntary Agreement to Refrain from Practice or to Suspend License Pending Completion of an Investigation.**

**NPDB Narrative: By Board Order, Respondent agreed to the continuation of his RN and APRN license summary suspensions of March 21, 2022, after Respondent was arrested by the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office for Human Trafficking, Criminal Conspiracy, Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance II -Methamphetamine, Possession of Controlled Dangerous**

**Substance II - Fentanyl, Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance III - Buprenorphine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Conspiracy to Distribute Controlled Dangerous Substance III, admitted to live-in relationship with patient/client of employer, tested positive for Amphetamine (193pg/mg), Methamphetamine ( 1897pg/mg), and Fentanyl (40pg/mg), and was diagnosed with Amphetamine Use Disorder, Severe, Rule Out Opioid Use Disorder, Attention Deficit Disorder, by history, and Past Situational Depression, improved.**

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes; W. Palermo-yes; M. Primeaux-yes; T. McNabb-yes

Motion Carried

**Andrea Schroeder**

**Motion:** by T. McNabb, seconded, that the Board adopt the following Board Order with the following changes:

Line 1, correct the name from Amanda Davis Moore to Andrea Schroeder.

Respondent was present and was represented by counsel.

Option 1 to read:

**It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, that the Petitioner's Petition for Reconsideration is delayed (corrected from denied) of licensure as a Registered Nurse by Endorsement ratified by the Board on May 18, 2022 is affirmed.**

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes; W. Palermo-yes; M. Primeaux-yes; T. McNabb-yes

Motion Carried

**CONSENT ORDERS**

There were thirty-one (31) matters considered by the Board as Consent Orders.

**Motion:** By A. Carruth, seconded, that the Board accept the Consent Order for:

**Nurse Practice Act:**

**Sharon Denise Beathley  
Nicole Haas Bertone  
Mark Evan Blanchard  
Cindy Ferbos Carr**

**Sharon Margaret Chauvin  
Whitney Bourdreaux Doblin  
Candace Caubarreaux Dowden  
Pennie Melissa Favalora  
Angela King Jones  
Haley Little LeBlanc  
Lena Maria Mason  
Renee Wales Morgan  
Noel Rita-Christine Robinson  
Jennifer Cousans Sibley  
Lauren Marie Underwood  
Melissa Fontenot Vallet  
David Anthony Ziccardi**

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Kelly Elliot Davis  
Benjamin Blaire Gautreaux  
Virginia Tippin Joyner  
Reed Joseph Loupe  
Katlyn Rae McCarver**

**Students:**

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Richard Anthony Johnson  
Megan Denise Manuel  
Kimberly Thomas Phillips  
Ashley Ethel Smith**

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes; W. Palermo-yes;  
M. Primeaux-yes; T. McNabb-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** By A. Carruth, seconded, that the Board accept the Consent Order on the following individual:

**Veronica Ann Armant-Griffin**

(The Board preapproves a counter offer to the Consent Order requiring a forensic evaluation related to anger management and to follow recommendations.)

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes; W. Palermo-yes;  
M. Primeaux-yes; T. McNabb-yes

Motion Carried

**RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS:**

There were seven (7) matters considered by the Board as ratification of Automatic Suspensions by Board staff. W. Matthews' affidavits were introduced to support the position that these automatic suspensions were in order:

**Motion:** by, J. Couvillon, seconded, that the Board ratify the Automatic Suspensions on the following individuals:

**Jeremy Heath Allen  
Allison Orgeron Comeaux  
Andria Elaine Harmon  
Scott Joseph Hotard  
Taylor Danielle Jones  
Mark Steven Leath  
Melissa Maree Smith**

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes; W. Palermo-yes;  
M. Primeaux-yes; T. McNabb-yes

Motion Carried

**RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF ACTION:**

There were ten (10) matters considered by the Board as Ratification of Delay/Denial by staff action. C. Jones' affidavits were introduced to support the position that these Delay/Denials were in order:

**Motion:** by M. Primeaux, seconded, that the Board ratify the Delay/Denial by staff action on the following individuals:

**Emilee Lansing Brown  
Jodi Lea Evans  
Charles Albert Haulard  
Lakisha Hicks  
Tamia Ashley Hightower  
Danielle Broadway Kelley  
Hurshiel Douglas Stegall  
Adrienne Nicole Thomas  
Tiffany Trujillo Tinsley  
Latashala Shantrelle Turner**



Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes; W. Palermo-yes;  
M. Primeaux-yes; T. McNabb-yes

Motion Carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** by W. Palermo, seconded, to adjourn.

The Hearing Panel adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Kindall", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

**T. KINDALL PRESIDENT AND PRESIDING OFFICER  
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**